

## Message Text

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FM AMCONGEN HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3795

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN, APCAC

SUBJ: PUBLIC RELEASE OF HONG KONG APCAC CABLE

REF: STATE 30730

1. REGRET THAT GEBER FELT IT NECESSARY IN HIS LETTER TO PERKINS TO INCLUDE PARA 3 WHICH WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE INTERPRETED HERE AS GRATUITOUS SLAP AT HONG KONG CHAMBER. THEY BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT IF APCAC INSISTS ON TAKING POLITICAL POSITIONS (E.G., PRO-TAIWAN RESOLUTION) WHICH BENEFIT ONE CHAMBER AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS, THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT DESERVE SUPPORT, AND THEY WILL UNDERSTANDABLY RESENT GEBER'S DISMISSING THIS STAND AS "SOMEBODY'S FRUSTRATION." (THIS IS TO SAY NOTHING ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT "SOMEBODY" COULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN OFFICER OF THE MISSION).

2. MOST UNFORTUNATELY THE RELEASE OF HONG KONG'S 14955 FOLLOWED BY THE GEBER LETTER WITH ITS OFFENSIVE PARAGRAPH AND THE LINE "FEEL FREE TO MAKE USE OF THIS LETTER WITHIN APCAC AS YOU SEE FIT" WILL SUGGEST TO THE CHAMBER A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO EMBARRASS AND NEUTRALIZE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HONG KONG CHAMBER WITHIN APCAC. THIS IS BOUND TO STRIKE THE CHAMBER AS BOTH PUZZLING AND UNFAIR SINCE THEY BELIEVE THEY WERE THE ONLY DELEGATION TO THE JAKARTA MEETING TO DEFEND THE DEPARTMENT AGAINST ATTACK. THEY WERE ALSO THE STRONGEST ADVOCATES OF THE VIEW THAT APCAC MEMBERS SHOULD NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE PRESSURED BY GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA INTO

ASSOCIATING APCAC WITH POLITICAL POSITIONS WHCIH  
ARE IRRELEVANT TO BUSINESS AND POTENTIALLY  
EMBARRASSING TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

3. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE HERE,  
INFORMING THE CHAMBER OF THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER  
AND EXPLAINING THAT ITS PURPOSE WAS SOLELY TO RE-  
ASSURE ALL MEMBERS OF APCAC OF THE DEPARTMENT'S  
CONTINUED SUPPORT. REQUEST GEBER MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT  
AT SINGAPORE AND BANGKOK TO REASSURE HONG KONG  
CHAMBER DELEGATION THAT WE ARE NOT TAKING SIDES  
AGAINST HONG KONG AND THAT WE AGREE APCAC MUST  
ORGANIZE ITSELF TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL ITS  
MEMBERS IF IT IS TO REMAIN USEFUL.

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